

REMARKS

The Official Action dated February 15, 2005 has been received and its contents carefully noted. In view thereof, claims 3-5, 21, 22, 24, 27 and 28 have been canceled in their entirety without prejudice nor disclaimer of the subject matter set forth therein. Accordingly, claims 1, 10, 13-15, 17-19, 23, 25 and 26 are presently pending in the instant application.

Initially, Applicants wish to acknowledge the Examiner's indication on page 4 of the Office Action, that claims 1, 10, 13-15, 17-19, 23, 25 and 26 are allowable over the prior art of record. With the foregoing amendments, it is respectfully submitted that Applicants' claimed invention is now in proper condition for allowance.

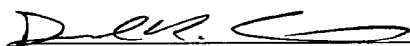
With reference now to page 2 of the Office Action, claims 21, 22 and 27 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph as failing to comply with the written description requirement. As can be seen from the foregoing amendments, each of claims 21, 22 and 27 have been canceled and consequently further discussion with respect to the merits of such claims under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph as no longer believed to be warranted.

With reference to paragraph 3 of the Office Action, claims 21, 22, 24, 27 and 28 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being clearly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,515,323 issued to Jung et al. Likewise, with the foregoing amendments, claims 21, 22, 24, 27 and 28 have been canceled in their entirety without prejudice nor disclaimer of the subject matter set forth therein. Accordingly, further discussion with respect to the rejection of such claims under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as no longer believed to be warranted.

Therefore, in view of the foregoing it is respectfully requested that the rejections of record be reconsidered and withdrawn by the Examiner, that claims 1, 10, 13-15, 17-19, 23, 25 and 26 be allowed that the application be passed to issue.

Should the Examiner believe a further conference would be of benefit in expediting the prosecution of the instant application, he is hereby invited to telephone counsel to arrange such a conference.

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